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Dear Mr. Brown.

I appreciate your taking the time to write to me regarding your concern for the environmentally sensitive, the problems they face, and how best to protect their rights in societies which refuse to recognize this as a genuine disability.

Enclosed you will find information materials providing background on the United Nations' involvement, both in protecting the rights of disabled persons as well as the environment. I realize this may not specifically address some of the points raised in your letter; I would therefore refer you to the New York offices of the World Health Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme for more detailed information on what these bodies are doing to deal with this increasingly important concern. Their addresses are:

> World Health Organization (WHO) New York Liaison Office United Nations, Room DC2-0973 New York, NY 10017

Tel. 212/963-6001

United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for North America United Nations, Room DC2-0816 New York, NY 10017

Tel. 212/963-8093

I wish you every success in your endeavours to gain governmental recognition of the real problems facing those who are particularly sensitive to environmental pollutants and to encourage efforts by governments and others aimed at protecting those individuals' rights and the fragile world that is home to us all.

Sincerely yours,

Thérèse P. Sévigny Under-Secretary-General

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